

REMARKS

Claims 6-11, 13-16 and 18-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-9, 11, 13-15, 20, and 24 have been amended to further clarify that which was previously claimed, to maintain antecedent basis, and/or to correct typographical errors. Claim 17 was canceled, and Claims 25-33 have been added. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the Claims and the following remarks.

Telephonic Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Yaima Campos for the courtesies extended to Applicant's attorney Sanders N. Hillis (reg. no. 45,712) during the telephone interview on February 10, 2007. During the interview, the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections of Claims 12 and 14, the comments in the Advisory Action mailed January 23, 2007, and U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2004/0078636 A1 to Suzuki were discussed. No agreement was reached, however, the Examiner suggested that the term "storage" be added to the preamble of Claim 11, and that the preambles of Claims 12 and 14 be amended to be similar to Claim 11 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant identified typographical errors in two paragraphs of the specification. Applicant has voluntarily amended the specification to correct the typographical errors. No new matter has been added. The amendments to the specification are supported by at least Figures 8 and 9. Entry of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. §101 rejections

Claims 12 and 14 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 12 has been canceled and Claim 14 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §101 rejection of Claim 14 is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 6-7, 11-15, 17, and 19-24 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2004/0078636 A1 to Suzuki. (hereinafter

"Suzaki") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,678,021 to Pawate et al. (hereinafter "Pawate"). In addition, Claim 8 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Suzaki in combination with Pawate and U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0111443 to Wong et al. (hereinafter "Wong"). Further Claims 9-10, 16, and 18 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of Suzaki in combination with Pawate, Wong, and U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2003/0014496 A1 to Spencer et al. (hereinafter "Spencer"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections since each and every limitation included in amended Claims 6-16 and 18-24 are not taught, suggested, or disclosed by the cited references, either alone or in combination.

For example, amended Claim 6 describes a processor that is further operable, in accordance with storage control information associated with said contents, and responsive to a store command received from said user via said operation input means, to read said contents from said cache memory means, and to write said contents in said content storage means. On the other hand, neither Suzaki, Pawate, Wong, nor Spencer, either alone or in combination describe a processor operable in accordance with storage control information associated with said contents, and responsive to a store command received from said user via said operation input means as described in Claim 6.

In another example, amended Claim 11 describes a program that includes a second writing process executable in response to indication with said storage control information that said contents are storable in said content storage means, and a store command received from said user via said operation input means to store said contents that have been processed or executed in said content using process. In sharp contrast, none of Suzaki, Pawate, Wong, or Spencer, either alone or in combination describe a processor executable as described in Claim 11.

In still another example, amended Claim 13 describes a processor that is further operable in accordance with storage control information, and in response to said second command, to exchange said first identifier flag for a second identifier flag that indicates said contents are to be stored in said content storage means enduringly. None of Suzaki, Pawate, Wong, or Spencer, either alone or in combination describe a processor operable to exchange a first identifier flag, indicating that contents are to be stored temporarily in a content storage means, for a second identifier flag to indicate contents are to be stored in said content storage means enduringly as described in Claim 13.

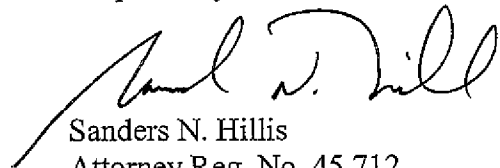
In yet another example, amended Claim 14 describes a second writing process executable in accordance with indication of said storage control information that said contents are storable, and in response to a store command received from said user via said operation input means to store contents processed or executed in said content using process. Suzuki, Pawate, Wong, and/or Spencer, on the other hand, fail to teach or suggest such a writing process executable in accordance with indication of storage control information as described in Claim 14.

Amended Claim 15 describes a processor further operable to determine if the received content is for trial use based on storage control information associated with the received content. None of the cited prior art, either alone or in combination teaches or suggests a processor operable to make such a determination based on storage control information associated with received content.

For at least the previously discussed reasons, none of the cited prior art either alone or in combination describe each and every limitation of the currently pending claims. Thus, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections of the pending claims is respectfully requested. New Claims 25-33 are also not taught or suggested by the cited references.

With this amendment and response, Applicant believes that the present pending claims of this application are allowable, and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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